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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORS, PINS, GW
SUBJECT: EXTRADITION OF ABU DAOUD TO FRG

REFS: (A) PARIS 0729 (NOTAL); (B) BONN 472 (NOTAL)

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE ABU DAOUD AFFAIR HAS BEEN
HEAVY WITH MOST PAPERS CARRYING REPORTS DATED IN PARIS
AND TEL AVIV IN ADDITION TO BONN AND MUNICH. EDITORIAL
COMMENT LEANS IN FAVOR OF DEMANDING ABU DAOUD'S
EXTRADITION.

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2. BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY ARE TO MEET TODAY
TO DISCUSS WHETHER THEY WILL FORMALLY ASK THE FRG
JUSTICE MINISTRY TO REQUEST ABU DAOUD'S EXTRADITION
FROM FRANCE. "DIE WELT" QUOTES INFORMED SOURCES AS
EXPECTING THE BAVARIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO DEMAND
EXTRADITION BUT NOTES THAT THE FRG MAY EXERCISE ITS
DISCRETION IN DECIDING WHETHER TO FORWARD THE REQUEST

ON TO PARIS. THUS FAR, THE FRG HAS MADE NO COMMENT ON HOW IT WOULD VIEW A REQUEST FROM BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES, ALTHOUGH THE FRG DID COOPERATE IN THE PREPARATION BY BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES OF THE ARREST WARRANT ON JANUARY 7.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY (JAN. 10) INFORMED THE FRG THAT ISRAEL INTENDS TO REQUEST ABU DAOUD'S EXTRADITION TO ISRAEL. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FRG STATED THAT, IN THE EVENT OF TWO REQUESTS FOR EXTRADITION (ISRAEL AND THE FRG), THE DECISION WOULD BE SOLELY IN THE HANDS OF THE GOF TO MAKE.

4. THE DILEMMA THIS CASE PRESENTS THE GOF HAS NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED. MANY REPORTS FOCUS ON THE GOF'S DIFFICULT DECISION IN BALANCING ITS EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AGAINST TERRORISM WITH ITS VALUED AND IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD. SEVERAL ARTICLES QUOTE THE SYRIAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS IN CALLING THE ARREST AN "UNFRIENDLY ACT AGAINST THE ARAB WORLD." SOME SPECULATION HAS ALSO APPEARED ON WHY ABU DAOUD WAS SENT TO FRANCE WHEN HE WAS BEING SOUGHT BY INTERPOL AND, IN FACT, ON WHAT BASIS HE WAS ORIGINALLY DETAINED IN PARIS PENDING RECEIPT OF THE FRG'S REQUEST FOR HIS PROVISIONAL ARREST FOR EXTRADITION.
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